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HAMBLEDON RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year

1965

Together with the Annual Report of
the Chief Public Health Inspector

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Hambledon Rural District Council

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HAMBLEDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
BURY FIELDS,
GUILDFORD.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Hambledon Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1965, prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/66.

Apart from an outbreak of infectious disease to which I refer below the health of the District has remained very good. This has been the normal pattern for the District in recent years, and indeed for the country as a whole. Improved forms of medical treatment, and the development of efficient prophylactics conferring a high degree of immunity have caused considerable changes in the periodic visitations of infectious disease to which the community had become accustomed in earlier times. Although one must yet again repeat the advice that this state of affairs will only continue for as long as parents take full advantage of the various forms of immunisation available to their children, and ensure that primary immunisations are boosted at the recommended intervals, one is entitled to question whether the present list of diseases notifiable under the Public Health Acts is entirely appropriate in present day circumstances. One could cite the anomalous example of scarlet fever, which is notifiable, with that of a streptococcal sore throat, which is not, but is a different manifestation due to the same organism, which in any case responds readily to a wide range of antibiotics. On the other hand diseases which are undoubtedly infectious, prevalent, and for which no specific treatments exist, have not been made notifiable.

An example of this occurred in the Rural District in the latter part of the year. At the beginning of September I was informed that six cases of virus hepatitis had occurred on the same day in residential accommodation provided by the County Welfare Department. It is fortunate that the initial cases did appear where they did, since as the disease is not notifiable it is unlikely that I would otherwise have heard so soon of the outbreak, if at all.

As a result I was able to circularise the general practitioners requesting that I be informed of cases, and thanks to their co-operation I was informed of thirty three cases in all, including one death, between 1st September and 14th December. Clinical features of the outbreak included a high degree of infectivity so that several members of the same families contracted the disease, both children and adults were affected, more seriously in the case of the older adults, and the fact that it proved possible to trace contact between all the cases, with one exception, indicated an incubation period of between 25—28 days. A high proportion of the family contacts of cases of the disease proved to be food handlers, and mindful of the mode of spread of the infection I was anxious to persuade them to discontinue their normal occupations for a period. Since the disease is not notifiable it did not prove possible to make use of the provisions of Section 41, Public Health Act, 1961, to compensate them for loss of earnings, and difficulties were experienced as a result.

Your Council agreed with the recommendation that the Minister of Health be approached with a view to obtaining his consent to local notification of the disease, and an Order has now been made which will operate for a period of three years from 9th May, 1966. Representations were also made at the same time to the Rural District Councils Association requesting a review of the wider problems of notification of infectious disease as a whole.

I referred in last year's Report to the fact that staffing problems had caused me some concern, and I am happy to record that a considerable improvement occurred in this respect during 1965. We are now in a much stronger position with regard to both the professional and clerical staffs, and I should like to express my thanks to all the members of the staff for their loyal co-operation at all times. In May, my Deputy, Dr. Ian Morton, left to take up the appointment of Medical Officer of Health to Alton Rural and Alton Urban District Councils, and in wishing him every success in his post, I would wish to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Pamela Fox-Russell, who succeeded Dr. Morton in July.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. R. BENNETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

20th April, 1966.

STATISTICS

SUMMARY

	1964	1965
Area in Acres	68,175	68,175
Estimated resident population in July (estimate supplied by Registrar-General)	36,030	36,250
Number of Inhabited Houses (December) according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	11,490	11,826
Rateable Value as at 1st April, following year ...	£1,510,886	£1,578,196
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	£6,300	£6,500
Number of Births (legitimate and illegitimate)	586	558
Birth-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	16.04	15.49
Birth-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor, which is 1.08)	17.32	16.73
Number of Still Births	8	5
Number of Deaths	395	401
Death Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	10.91	11.06
Death Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor, which is 0.83)	9.60	9.18
Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths	183	157
Number of Deaths of Infants (under the age of one year)	5	5
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	10.30	8.96
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, child-birth	1	Nil
Death-Rate from Influenza per 1,000 of the population	0.00	Nil
Death-Rate from Pneumonia (all forms) per 1,000 of the population	0.67	0.36
Death-Rate from Bronchitis per 1,000 of the population	0.50	0.72
Death-Rate from Measles per 1,000 of the population	0.00	Nil
Death-Rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases: Smallpox; Whooping Cough; Measles; Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea; Diphtheria; Scarlet Fever and "Fever" (Typhoid, Enteric and Typhus), per 1,000 of the population	0.06	0.05
Death-Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis per 1,000 of the population	0.00	0.03
Death-Rate from Cancer per 1,000 of the population	1.94	2.10
Death-Rate from Heart and Circulatory Disease per 1,000 of the population	6.05	6.06
Death-Rate from Nephritis and Nephrosis per 1,000 of the population	0.08	0.11

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births :

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	558
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.39
					(comparable)	...	16.62

Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births ... 6.81

Stillbirths :

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.88

Total Live and Still Births ... 563

Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) ... 5

Infant Mortality Rates :

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.93
Legitimate infants deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.62
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ... 7.17

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ... 7.17

Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ... 15.99

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) :

Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH-RATES

The following Table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the District, and for England and Wales, for 1964 and 1965.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the Population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Death (Including Abortion) 1,000 total (live and still) births	
	Birth-Rate		Death-Rate					
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
Hambleton R.D.-Crude	16.04	15.39	10.91	11.06	10.30	8.93	1.71	—
Comp.	17.32	16.62	9.60	9.18	—	—	—	—
England and Wales ...	18.45	18.0	11.30	11.5	20.01	19.0	0.27	0.25

CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES), 1965.

(Figures supplied by Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2	5
„ „ lung, bronchus	23	6	29
„ „ breast	—	6	6
„ „ uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	24	11	35
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	1	4
Diabetes	4	2	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	37	61
Coronary disease, angina	44	39	83
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	23	24	47
Other circulatory disease	17	11	28
Pneumonia	5	8	13
Bronchitis	18	8	26
Other disease of respiratory system	—	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
Congenital malformations	—	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	14	14	28
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	4
All other accidents	3	3	6
Suicide	—	4	4
Totals	215	186	401

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory and at the Group Hospital Laboratory at King George V Hospital for Chest Diseases. The Guildford laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out during the year at Guildford were as follows :—

Milk samples	...	...	...	...	96
Ice cream samples	...	...	...	...	23
Faeces specimens	...	...	...	...	2

Water Analysis.—The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1, undertake the examination (both chemical and bacteriological) of samples of water. The number examined during 1965 was 68. The Guildford Public Health Laboratory carried out bacteriological examinations in certain cases.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This service is now operated from the Surrey Ambulance Headquarters, Brighton Road, Banstead, and all requests for assistance should be sent to them at Mogador 2991.

Responsible Authority	Address of Ambulance Station
County Ambulance Service : Guildford	Woodbridge Road, Guildford
Ambulance Station Sub-Stations at :	
Cranleigh	High Street, Cranleigh
Godalming	The Wharf, Bridge Street, Godalming
Haslemere	Grayswood Road
Farnham	The St. John House, The Hart West Street, Farnham

NURSING IN THE HOME

Midwives.—There are 11 Midwives residing in the Rural District supervised by the County Medical Officer of Health. They are resident in the following parishes :

Bramley	...	...	1	Ewhurst	...	...	1
Chiddingfold	...	...	1	Frensham	...	...	1
Churt	...	...	1	Milford	...	...	1
Cranleigh	...	...	2	Thursley	...	...	1
Elstead	...	...	1	Witley	...	...	1

District Nurses.—District Nurses are available in every parish. This service is administered by the County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

Health Visitors.—There are seven County Health Visitors in the District who visit homes under the School Medical and Maternity and Child Welfare Services. Their areas are as follows :

(a) Cranleigh (b) Alfold, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Grafham, Ellens Green. (c) Frensham. (d) Elstead, Tilford, Rushmoor. (e) Milford, Witley, Hambledon, Hascombe, Wormley. (f) Bramley, Shamley Green, Wonersh, Munstead, Blackheath. (g) Chiddingfold, Churt, Thursley, Brook, Upper Birtley.

Home Nursing and Home Help Service.—These services are operated by the County Council.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.—Centres within the District are set out in the table below :

Centre	Address	
Alfold	Chapel School Room	1st and 3rd Thursdays
Bramley	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Fridays
Chiddingfold	Village Hall	2nd Thursday
Cranleigh	Tring, High Street	Every Monday
Dunsfold	Winn Hall	2nd and 4th Mondays
Elstead	Congregational School Room	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Ewhurst	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Fridays
Milford	Village Hall	Every Thursday
Shamley Green	Arbuthnot Institute	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Tilford	The Institute	2nd Tuesday
Witley	British Legion Club	1st and 3rd Mondays
Wonersh	Lawnsmead	2nd and 4th Fridays

Ante-Natal Clinics.—Clinics serving the District are held as follows :

Farnham ("Brightwells")	...	Every Wednesday 1.45—4.30 Booking Clinic. Alternate Mondays
St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford		Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Post-Natal Clinic

St. Luke's Hospital	Every Tuesday—11 a.m.
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E.N.T. Clinics

St. Luke's Hospital	Second Monday in month. 2 p.m.
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Speech Therapy Clinic

St. Luke's Hospital	Daily. Morning and Afternoon
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Orthopaedic Treatment.—In-patient treatment is given at the Royal Surrey County Hospital and at the Rowley Bristow Hospital at Pyrford.

Orthopaedic Clinics for out-patient treatment are available at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Fridays at 9.30 a.m. and at the Rowley Bristow Hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays and Friday mornings. By appointment only.

Chest Clinics

FARNHAM HOSPITAL	Alternate Mondays, 1.45—4 p.m.
NORTHFIELD HOSPITAL ALDERSHOT	Every Wednesday Morning and Afternoon. First Friday in Month, All day. Second and Fourth Friday Afternoon. Bronchitic Session. Last Saturday in Month.
THE POPLARS, FRIMLEY.	Contact Clinic. Last Tuesday in Month.
MILFORD CHEST HOSPITAL	First and Third Friday, 1.45—4 p.m. Second & Fourth Wednesday, 2.45—4 p.m. Fifth Wednesday in Month.

Venereal Diseases Clinic.—A Clinic is held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, four days weekly, as follows :

Mondays (Females)	...	...	...	3-7 p.m.
Thursdays (Females)	...	...	...	9.30-11 a.m.
Tuesdays (Males)	...	...	...	5-7 p.m.
Fridays (Males)	...	...	...	5-7 p.m.

Family Planning Clinic.—The Family Planning Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, is held every Monday at 5.30 p.m. and Friday evening at 6 to 7.30 p.m. Appointments are required.

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the District are as follows :

General :

St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, 340 beds, of which 58 are maternity.

Farnham County Hospital, Hale Road, Farnham, 171 beds.

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 218 beds.

Cranleigh Village Hospital, Cranleigh, 14 beds.

Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere, 84 beds, 16 maternity beds.

Ottershaw Isolation Hospital, 39 chronic beds.

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, 40 chronic beds (female).

Infectious Diseases :

Ottershaw Isolation Hospital, 11 fever beds.

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, 24 fever beds.

Chest Diseases :

King George V Hospital for Chest Diseases, Hambledon, 230 beds.

Milford Chest Hospital, near Godalming, 304 beds.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

The number of persons attending for Mass Radiography examination at various sites in the administrative area were as follows :

January	...	...	...	20
February	...	...	...	19
March	...	...	...	33
April	...	...	...	23
May	...	...	...	122
June	...	...	...	32
July	...	...	...	34
August	...	...	...	36
September	...	...	...	32
October	...	...	...	41
November	...	...	...	29
December	...	...	...	244
Total				665

MORTUARIES

The arrangements with the Hospital Groups for use of the mortuaries at Milford Chest Hospital and Farnham Hospital continues to work satisfactorily. 33 bodies were sent to Milford and 1 to Farnham during 1965.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD—SECTION 50, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Two burials were arranged under this Section during 1965.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47.

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

FRENSHAM PONDS

The following cases were dealt with by the First Aid service during the 1965 season :—

Cuts, bruises and abrasions of the feet	...	52
Cuts, bruises and abrasions—other	... ..	53
Headaches, Earache, etc.	... ..	12
Eye injuries	... ..	3
Burns and sunburn	... ..	1
Bites and stings	... ..	20
Fainting and sickness	... ..	1
Lost children	... ..	5
Miscellaneous	... ..	15
		—
		162
		—

Eight cases were referred to Hospital or Doctor.

I am indebted to the Misses Slayter for the details of the work of the First Aid Service at Frensham Ponds given above. The members of the British Red Cross Society man the unit voluntarily during the months when the public visit the Pond in large numbers. They perform a most useful service, and our thanks are due to them.

New sanitary conveniences were constructed at the Great Pond. There are nine compartments for ladies and a changing room and two compartments and a urinal for men.

As there is no sewer available water borne sewage is not possible and elsans with underground containers were installed.

After some initial difficulties, due to lack of ventilation they are proving to be more satisfactory.

HOME ACCIDENTS. Cases taken to Hospital by Ambulance :

Fractured limbs	... ..	8
Cuts	... ..	2
Falls	... ..	1
Overdose or poisoning	... ..	4
Miscellaneous	... ..	1

WATER SUPPLIES 1965

Parish	Main Water Internal	Main Water External	Wells and Springs	Private Supplies	Number of Houses
Alfold ...	311	1	4	—	316
Bramley ...	1,038	6	5	6	1,055
Busbridge ...	254	—	1	9	264
Chiddingfold ...	823	—	5	25	853
Cranleigh ...	2,244	—	10	14	2,268
Dockenfield ...	113	—	1	—	114
Dunsfold ...	330	—	9	—	339
Elstead ...	807	—	4	—	811
Ewhurst ...	698	—	3	2	702
Frensham ...	900	1	8	—	909
Hambledon ...	235	—	2	5	242
Hascombe ...	110	—	—	2	112
Milford ...	1,144	2	11	—	1,157
Peper Harow ...	47	—	4	—	51
Thursley ...	200	1	5	14	220
Tilford ...	239	3	—	—	242
Witley ...	995	—	3	24	1,022
Wonersh ...	1,141	—	1	7	1,149
	11,628	14	76	108	11,826

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

Regular analysis of various supplies of water to the Rural District have been carried out and are generally satisfactory. 69 samples were taken in 1965.

With the introduction of the Netley Scheme which supplied water in the Cranleigh and Wonersh areas, there has been no complaints of shortages during the year.

Regular samples are taken from the private supplies, which, on the whole have been found to be satisfactory.

The source of the Furnace Place supply was thoroughly cleaned out and sterilized to improve the water. After treatment it was found to be of a wholesome standard.

Details of supplies in the area are shown on the adjoining table.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths although many lakes and streams are used for bathing in the area. Occasional samples of water are taken. During the year some evidence of pollution in the feeder stream to Frensham Pond, the cause of which was eventually discovered and eradicated.

MAIN DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

I am indebted to Mr. Palmer, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, for the following notes on the progress of main drainage schemes :—

Cranleigh. The new sewage disposal works will be commissioned and operating by the end of 1966.

New trunk sewers supplementing the existing drainage facilities and catering for new development areas in Cranleigh will be operating coincident with the new sewage works.

Sewers provided in Wanborough Lane are now in use.

Dunsfold and Hascombe. All sewers and pumping stations throughout these two villages will be in use coincident with the new sewage disposal works at Cranleigh to which the flow is discharged for treatment.

Hambledon (Hydestile) and Busbridge (New Road). Sewers to drain this area will be in use by the Autumn 1966.

General. It is anticipated that the following schemes will be placed to contract in 1967 :—

Sewers and Pumping Stations to drain Ellens Green and Cox Green.

Also sewers to drain the remainder of the Alfold area.

SCAVENGING AND REFUSE COLLECTION

In spite of considerable increases in quantity of refuse collected the refuse tips are carefully maintained.

Further details are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector, appended.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Chief Public Health Inspector is the authorised officer for the purpose of this Act. During 1965, 37 inspections were made in connection with suspected atmospheric pollution. Some difficulties have been experienced with the manufacture of a plastic paint containing resin and titanium oxide.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is now only one licensed slaughterhouse in the District, and this has only a limited use.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises within the Hambledon Rural District.

HOUSING

The number of applicants on the Council's waiting list at the annual assessment was 757 as compared with 619 in 1964.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

I am indebted to the Council's Engineer and Surveyor for the following table and notes :

- (a) Number of new dwellings erected during the year :—
 - (1) By the District Council 144
 - (2) By private persons or other bodies ... 151
- (b) Dwellings in the course of erection at the end of the year :—
 - (1) By the District Council 144
 - (2) By private persons or other bodies ... 407
- (c) The two columns below give the number of post-war dwellings erected by the District Council since 1945, parish by parish, up to the end of 1965 and the number of dwellings available for letting, including properties acquired and those erected before and after the last war.

	Post War Dwellings Erected by the District Council.	Total available for Letting.
ALFOLD	52	61
BRAMLEY	123	173
CHIDDINGFOLD	144	161
CRANLEIGH	443	497
DOCKENFIELD	6	24
DUNSFOLD	32	30
ELSTEAD	157	172
EWHURST	67	86
FRENSHAM	64	104
HAMBLEDON	25	33
HASCOMBE	13	22
PEPER HAROW	—	—
BUSBRIDGE	—	—
THURSLEY	16	25
TILFORD	18	18
MILFORD and WITLEY	415	480
WONERSH	179	152
		2038

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

During the year 8 applications were received to site moveable dwellings. One was granted and seven refused. Generally applications are on a temporary basis during the alterations to or the building of houses. There are a total of 101 caravans on the larger sites with three or more caravans.

HOUSING ACT, 1958-9

During 1965, 127 visits were made with reference to applications for **improvement grants** towards cost of improvements to properties.

Since the inception of the scheme 665 **Discretionary Grants** have been approved, and of these 562 completed as under :—

Type of House (Housing Survey, 1947)						1954—1965
Category 1	...	...	...	...	...	57
Category 2	...	...	...	...	...	175
Category 3	...	...	...	...	...	226
Category 5	...	...	...	...	...	23
Other premises, conversions, etc	...	...	...	...	...	78
						<hr/> 562 <hr/>

Standard Grants : 152 applications have been approved and 110 completed as under :

Category 1	...	...	...	...	...	10
Category 2	...	...	...	...	...	49
Category 3	...	...	...	...	...	42
Other premises	...	...	...	...	...	9
						<hr/> 110 <hr/>

SLUM CLEARANCE, 1955-60 PROGRAMME

Category 5 houses	...	...	...	...	121
Category 3 houses	...	...	...	...	48
					<hr/> 169 <hr/>

Totals						Reconditioning and Demolition
Demolition	...	...	...	...	28	28 Demolished
Undertakings	...	...	...	...	80	{ 32 Reconditioned 5 Demolished
Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	5	{ 2 Reconditioned 2 Demolished
Reconditioned without Statutory Action					56	56 Reconditioned
					<hr/> 169 <hr/>	<hr/> 126 <hr/>

1961-1965 PROGRAMME

53 houses on the 1961-65 programme have been dealt with as follows :—

				1961-64	1965
Category 5 houses	Demolition	...	...	18	4
	Closing Orders	...	...	8	2
	Undertakings	...	...	19	2
				<hr/> 45 <hr/>	<hr/> 8 <hr/>

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

CASES NOTIFIED, 1965

Disease						1964	1965
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	11	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	20	—
Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	13	3
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	102	555
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Gastro Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Paratyphoid B	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Bacterial Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Totals						147	563

IMMUNISATION

I am indebted to Dr. Finn, the Divisional Medical Officer for South Western Division of the County for the following figures of immunisations against the different diseases carried out in the Rural District during 1965.

POLIOMYELITIS

Born 1965	25
Born 1964	267
Born 1963	45
Born 1962-1945	54
Born prior 1945	43
Fourth Booster	548

WHOOPING-COUGH

Under 1 year	73
1-2 years	168
2-4 years	73
5-14 years	5

B.C.G. Vaccination

582

TETANUS

Under 1 year	73
1-2 years	170
2-4 years	76
5-14 years	436+684 Boosters

SMALLPOX

Under 1 year	16
1-2 years	115
2-4 years	126
5-14 years	8+ 18 Boosters

DIPHTHERIA

Under 1 year	73
1-2 years	169
2-4 years	74
5-14 years	38+506 Boosters

INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE (other than Tuberculosis) 1965

PARISH BY PARISH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	Alford	Bramley	Busbridge	Chiddingfold	Cranleigh	Dockenfield	Dunsfold	Elstead	Ewhurst	Frensham	Hambledon	Hascombe	Milford	Peper Harow	Thursley	Tilford	Wiley	Womersh	Total
Measles	12	31	7	18	228	6	4	15	26	50	24	—	26	—	3	39	41	25	555
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bacterial Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	12	31	7	18	232	6	4	15	27	51	24	—	26	—	3	40	42	25	563

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1965, AGE INCIDENCE (Other than Tuberculosis)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	At all Ages	At Ages—Years												Admitted to Hospital	
		under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80 & over	Green Lane Hospital	Southampton Hospital
Measles ...	555	4	204	308	29	5	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bacterial Meningitis ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	563	4	208	308	31	5	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—

NOTIFIED SCHOOL ABSENTEES, 1965

	Meningitis	Glandular Fever	Jaundice	Scarlet Fever	Chickenpox	Measles	German Measles	Mumps	Ringworm	Whooping Cough	Conjunctivitis	Poliomylitis	Impetigo	Total
Alfold County Primary ...	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Bramley C. of E. Primary	-	-	-	-	-	16	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	18
Cranleigh Infants ...	-	-	-	-	82	104	2	50	-	12	1	-	-	251
Cranleigh Junior ...	-	-	-	-	20	54	2	7	-	1	-	-	1	85
Dunsfold C. of E. ...	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	43
Elstead C. of E. ...	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Chiddingfold C. of E. ...	-	-	-	-	1	56	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Frensham C. of E. ...	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Glebelands Secondary ...	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hambledon C. of E. ...	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
St. Johns (Churt) ...	-	-	-	-	5	21	10	-	-	-	3	-	2	41
Witley C. of E. ...	-	-	10	-	1	8	1	19	-	-	-	-	-	39
Wonersh and Shamley Green C. of E. ...	-	-	-	-	31	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	33
Milford C. of E. Juniors and Infants ...	-	-	-	-	37	72	4	32	-	3	-	-	-	148
Rodborough Hill Secondary ...	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Totals ...	-	-	11	3	194	363	22	146	-	17	4	-	3	763

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table summarises the Tuberculosis Register as at 31st December, for the last twelve years :

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total number on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1954	145	114	31	35	325
1955	150	125	34	35	344
1956	146	118	35	35	334
1957	142	118	33	35	328
1958	137	125	28	36	326
1959	144	128	28	35	335
1960	137	123	29	34	323
1961	130	114	28	33	305
1962	98	82	9	13	202
1963	92	76	9	14	191
1964	91	74	9	13	187
1965	86	63	9	11	169

It is most gratifying that deaths from tuberculosis remain so very low. There was only 1 in 1965.

During 1965 there were eight new cases, distributed in the following parishes :

Wonersh	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cranleigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Busbridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Elstead	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Witley	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chiddingfold	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bramley	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The following table shows the notifications and deaths in the District, with the corresponding rates per 1,000 of the population during the past 12 years :

Year	Cases Notified		Notification Rate	Deaths	Death-rate per 1,000 of the Population
	Trans-in	New Cases			
1954	29	24	0.72	3	0.09
1955	23	21	0.63	5	0.15
1956	28	13	0.38	5	0.15
1957	21	13	0.38	2	0.06
1958	20	13	0.38	4	0.11
1959	20	8	0.23	4	0.11
1960	18	8	0.22	3	0.08
1961	11	10	0.28	1	0.02
1962	14	4	0.11	1	0.02
1963	5	4	0.11	5	0.14
1964	10	5	0.14	3	0.08
1965	4	4	0.11	1	0.03

The number of cases on the register is made up as follows (as at 31st December, 1965) :—

Cases Transferred into District				Cases Notified whilst living in District			
Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
48	36	1	3	38	27	8	8

The number of cases on the Register was again lower than in the previous year.

NOTIFICATIONS AND MORTALITY OF TUBERCULOSIS, 1965

Age Periods	New Cases*				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2—4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
55—64	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	4	3	1	—	—	1	—	—
Registrar General's Figures ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

4 were Primary Notifications and 4 were cases transferred into the district from outside.

HAMBLEDON CARE COMMITTEE FOR TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES

During the year 1965/66 the Committee held three meetings. 7 cases were considered and direct assistance was given in all cases.

The results of the Christmas Seals Sale and Annual Appeal was most satisfactory, the sum of £251 6s. 6d. being raised.

DEATHS FROM CANCER

The following table shows the deaths from cancer during the last sixteen years.

Year	Male	Female	Total	Death-Rate
1950	28	31	59	1.85
1951	36	38	74	2.32
1952	39	27	66	2.03
1953	31	26	57	1.74
1954	30	39	69	2.07
1955	42	29	71	2.12
1956	44	34	78	2.31
1957	32	31	63	1.86
1958	37	30	67	1.95
1959	43	37	80	2.31
1960	28	33	61	1.74
1961	38	30	68	1.92
1962	40	48	88	2.19
1963	27	37	64	1.79
1964	34	34	68	1.92
1965	55	26	81	2.10

CANCER

The table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1964.

DEATHS FROM CANCER

SITE	1-4 M F	5-14 M F	15-24 M F	25-34 M F	35-44 M F	45-54 M F	55-64 M F	65-74 M F	75-over M F	Total M F	Grand Total 1965 1964
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —	2 1	4 1	5 4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	— —	— —	— —	— —	2 —	4 —	7 3	7 2	3 1	23 6	29 19
Malignant neoplasm, breast	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— 2	— —	— 3	— 6	6 6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— 1	1 5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	5 3	8 2	10 6	24 11	35 32
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	— 1	1 —	3 1	4 2
Hyperplasia of Prostrate ...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	1 —
1965 ...	— —	— —	— —	— —	2 —	7 2	14 8	15 5	17 11	55 26	81 —
1964 ...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	3 4	11 15	9 8	11 6	34 34	— 68

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

The total number of visits and inspections made during the year was 5,405, particulars of which are set out in the following table :—

Housing

Dwelling Houses, Public Health and Housing Acts	...	615
Dwelling Houses re-inspected	... ..	254
Improvement Grants	... ..	127
Overcrowding	... ..	1
Infestations	... ..	10

Factories and Workshops 62

Food Shops and Food Preparing Places

Food Shops and Food Preparing Places	... ..	211
Ice Cream Premises	... ..	13
Ice Cream Samples	... ..	21
Slaughterhouse and Butchers' Shops	... ..	46
Restaurants and Canteens	... ..	43
Licensed Premises	... ..	51

Milk

Bacteriological Samples	... ..	96
Dairies	... ..	50

General

Water Supplies	... ..	102
Drainage	... ..	848
Moveable Dwellings	... ..	282
Infectious Disease	... ..	135
Public Conveniences	... ..	9
Refuse Collections	... ..	1,041
Refuse Disposal	... ..	536
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	... ..	313
Schools	... ..	45
Fairs	... ..	—
Noise Abatement	... ..	12
Atmospheric Pollution	... ..	37
Farms, Stables, Piggeries and Broiler Houses	... ..	92
Animal Boarding Establishments	... ..	20
Waste Food Order	... ..	19
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	... ..	171
Petroleum Regulations	... ..	143

5,405

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS MILK SUPPLIES

Samples of milk are taken regularly and submitted to the Pathological Laboratory at St. Luke's Hospital Guildford for examination for Phosphatase, Methylene Blue and/or Biological Tests as appropriate. Details of samples taken during 1965 and four previous years are appended.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1963

The Public Health Inspectors act as agents for the County Council for the administration of these Regulations, carrying out the appropriate inspections and sampling involved.

ICE CREAM

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in this District, most of that sold being produced by firms with nation-wide distribution. The ice cream is sold mainly in prepacked form. Twenty-one samples were examined in 1965 and twenty samples were provisional grade I and one sample was provisional grade III. (Later samples showed correction to grade I) all samples were free of faecal coli.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

This Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the appended table, which shows the number of samples analysed, and action taken in respect of this District, during 1965.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	In-formal	Total	Formal	In-formal	Total
FOOD :						
Cheese Spread ...	1	—	1	—	—	—
Confectionery, sugar ...	—	2	2	—	—	—
Cooking Oil ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cream, double ...	2	—	2	—	—	—
Flour ...	—	1	1	—	1	1
Gin ...	3	—	3	—	—	—
Meat, cooked and prepared ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Meat, minced ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Milk ...	71	14	85	—	—	—
Mincemeat ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Prunes ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Strawberries ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tomatoes ...	—	2	2	—	—	—
Whisky ...	3	—	3	—	—	—
DRUGS :						
Bronchial mixture ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cod Liver Oil in Malt ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Veganin Tablets ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Totals ...	80	28	108	—	1	1

MILK SAMPLING FOR THE YEARS 1961-1965

ANALYSIS RESULTS

Year	Number of Samples Taken	Phosphatase Test			T.B.		Methylene Blue			Turbidity	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void	Positive	Negative	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1961	Designated Pasteurised	65 93	— —	— 1*	— —	54 —	54 93	5 1	6* 4*	— —	— —
1962	Designated Pasteurised Sterilised	38 80 3	— 1 —	— — —	— — —	22 — —	31 62 —	7 1 —	— — —	— — 3	— — —
1963	Designated Pasteurised Sterilised	29 83 3	— — —	— 2 —	— — —	23 — —	21 81 —	7 — —	1 2 —	— — 3	— — —
1964	Designated Pasteurised Sterilised	34 57 7	— — —	— 1 —	— — —	34 — —	31 57 —	3 — —	— — —	— — 7	— — —
1965	Designated Pasteurised Sterilised	42 54 —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— 4 —	34 — —	8 — —	— — —	— — —	— — —

* Void—permissible, atmospheric shade temperature exceeded.

HOUSING

NOTICES SERVED

Statutory Notices :

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 39	...	...	...	Nil
Public Health Act, 1936. Section 93	...	...	...	Nil
Informal Notices	...	...	...	104

Results of Notices Served :

Statutory Notices complied with :

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	Nil
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	104
Informal Notices in hand	...	...	...	3

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were made for certificate of disrepair or revocation of certificates of disrepair.

WATER ANALYSES

69 Samples of water were taken for analysis during the year.

			Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Total
Public Water Supplies	...	...	—	14	14
Private Water Supplies	...	...	5	22	27
Well Water	...	...	—	10	10
Spring Water	...	...	—	1	1
Pond Water	...	...	6	—	6
Stream Water	...	...	4	5	9
River	...	...	—	2	2
					—
					69
					—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

The number of Retail Dairies and Distributors of Milk in the District on 31st December, 1965 was 18.

Producer Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Retail Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	17

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

The following Licences for the sale of Designated milk are in force in the District :—

Dealers' Licences

Untreated	...	...	...	...	...	7
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	16
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ultra heat treated	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption

Meat

No animals have been slaughtered for human consumption in the one slaughter-house licenced for the purpose within the district.

Condemned Meat	Weight			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
Imported Irish Ox Cheek ...	—	—	2	—
Offal	—	—	1	20
Pork Luncheon Meat	—	—	1	—
Ducks	—	—	—	12
Boneless Veal	—	—	2	10
Cooked Ham	—	—	—	10
Corned Beef	—	—	—	8
Total	—	2	0	4

OTHER FOODS

Nil

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16

Registration of premises used in connection with the manufacture or sale of ice cream or preserved food, etc.

- (1) Premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale 27
- (2) Premises registered for the sale or the manufacture for the purposes of sale of ice cream 118

The ice cream is sold mainly in prepacked form, and is stored in refrigerator cabinets. There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the District.

These premises are all subject to routine inspection and sampling.

21 Ice Cream Samples taken.

Results	Provisional Grade I	20
	Provisional Grade III	1
		—
		21
		—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES ACT, 1958

One licence was granted for use and occupation of premises as a slaughter-house although it was not used during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

321 inspections were made of food premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations, resulting in the services of notices containing 26 items. These are listed as under :—

Food Shops

Provision of wash-hand basins	1
Provision of hot-water supply	1
Provision of nail-brushes	1
Provision of towels	3
Provision of soap	1
Provision of "Wash Hands" notices ...	4
Provision of sinks	1
Cleaning of machinery	2
Drainage	1
Clothes storage	1
Protection of food	4
Redecoration	2
Renewal of floors	1

Food Preparing Rooms

Cleanse and redecorate	2
Renew sink	1
	<hr/> 26

Cafes and Restaurants

88 inspections were made of 30 cafes and restaurants under Food Hygiene Regulations resulting in service of notices containing 14 items, listed as under :—

Kitchens

Provision of hot-water supply	1
Provision of sinks	1
Provision of "Wash Hands" notices ...	3
Provision of nail-brushes, towels and soap ...	1
Redecorations	3

General

Provision of first-aid boxes	1
Provision of clothes storage	1
Food protection	3
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FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Summary of Food Premises listed under Principal Business and showing additional commodities sold.

Principal Business	Total	Grocery and Provisions	Greengrocery	Butchers	Fishmongers	Fish Fryers	Bakers	Confectionery	Milk Distributors	Ice Cream Retailers	Cafes and Restaurants	Licensed Premises	Canteens
1. Grocery and Provisions	80	—	30	3	1	—	2	65	5	65	—	7	—
2. Greengrocery	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	3	—	—	—
3. Butchers	22	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Fishmongers	3	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Fish Fryers	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
6. Bakers	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	2	—	—
7. Confectionery	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—
8. Milk Distributors	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
9. Ice Cream Retailers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cafes and Restaurants	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	10	—	1	—
11. Licensed Premises	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	11	17	—	—
12. Canteens (including hospitals and institution dining rooms and factory premises)	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
	276	9	30	3	3	1	2	91	5	107	20	8	—

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

On 1st August, 1961, the District Council accepted delegated responsibility for registration and supervision of premises registered under the above-named Act for Sterilising of Animals Foods.

Number of Premises registered up to December, 1965 ... 6

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Moveable Dwellings and Camping Grounds

Applications dealt with during the year ... 8

			Granted	Refused
1. Licensed sites for more than one caravan ...	...	—	—	—
2. Licensed sites for one caravan ...	...	...	1	7

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This act came into force on 1st January, 1964, and 8 establishments were licenced and have been maintained to a satisfactory standard.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961, IN CONNECTION WITH FACTORIES

1. Inspection of Factories

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Cases Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	9	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	81	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	—	90	4	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	4	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	4	—	—	—

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August required by Sec. 133 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	26	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	26	—	—	—	—	—

Incidence of Cesspool Emptying 1965

The following table gives the number of properties on cesspool drainage, together with frequency of emptying for each parish during the calendar year, 1965.

PARISH	No. of properties on cesspool drainage	Total No. of cesspools in district	Emptyings							Total emptyings	No. not emptied
			1	2	3	4	5	6	6+		
Alfold	209	126	35	16	18	12	12	5	2(15)	274	26
Bramley	216	187	45	46	37	16	3	—	—	327	40
Busbridge	197	182	52	32	34	11	—	—	—	262	53
Chiddingfold	252	219	68	40	30	17	1	—	—	311	63
Cranleigh	299	236	71	38	42	15	1	—	—	338	69
Dockenfield	98	70	17	7	6	9	3	5	1(28)	158	22
Dunsfold	270	205	50	45	26	10	12	6	4(40)	394	52
Elstead	161	138	39	21	21	6	1	1	—	179	49
Ewhurst	303	254	59	73	29	5	1	—	2(48)	365	85
Frensham	217	187	50	28	36	21	—	—	—	298	52
Churt	246	220	62	47	23	9	3	—	1(7)	283	75
Rushmoor	166	161	41	31	38	17	1	—	—	290	33
Hambledon	223	163	50	30	16	14	2	1	—	230	50
Hascombe	102	77	17	25	9	3	—	—	1(7)	113	22
Peper Harow	30	23	4	5	—	2	1	—	—	27	11
Thursley	196	155	53	22	19	12	2	1	—	218	46
Tilford	195	173	51	37	23	18	—	—	—	266	44
Witley	370	308	68	46	37	43	4	—	—	463	110
Milford	73	62	15	9	6	7	1	—	—	84	24
Wonersh	171	152	29	45	20	15	—	—	—	239	43
TOTAL	3994	3298	876	643	470	262	48	19	11(145)	5119	969

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

The collection of house refuse is carried out fortnightly in all parishes in the district. Collection of trade refuse is undertaken fortnightly, where required, upon payment of ninepence per bin.

Seven refuse vehicles are used for this purpose. One is a 35 cubic yard continuous-loading diesel vehicle. Five are 20 cubic yard rear-loading diesel vehicles, and the other, a petrol driven 10 cubic yard side-loader.

During the year new schedules were introduced to provide a collection each eight working days with six vehicles without success, and great difficulty was experienced during the Winter months due to sickness and shortage of staff in maintaining a regular fortnightly collection. Further studies are being made to find ways of collecting the ever increasing amount of refuse with possibly less staff.

Litter continues to be a problem and more and more requests are being received for the provision of litter-bins. These are provided in suitable places throughout the district.

There is an increasing demand for special collection of accumulations of refuse. These are undertaken, upon payment by the householder. It is not always possible to provide adequate service promptly. Dumps of refuse on Commons and verges are taken up as quickly as possible.

A scheme for the collection of abandoned, or unwanted cars has been introduced and there is, at present, a market for the sale of the metal.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. Shortage of good tips necessitates long runs for disposal.

CLEANSING OF PAIL CLOSETS

The Council undertakes cleansing of pail closets throughout the district, although some do not take advantage of this service. The work is carried out by two cesspool emptiers fitted with night soil equipment. There is a steady decline in the number of properties with pail closets due to connection to sewers or in conjunction with Improvement Grants where cesspools or septic tanks are provided.

CLEANSING OF CESSPOOLS

Cesspools are emptied free of charge, if required, once in every quarter, except in the parishes of Alfold, Dockenfield and Dunsfold where it is six emptyings per year.

Six 800 gallon emptiers and one 1,500 gallon emptier are used for this work.

Disposal of cesspool contents continues to be a problem. Discharge at Cranleigh sewage works is satisfactory, but there are no other works of sufficient capacity to receive any large quantity. It is difficult to find suitable land for the purpose but arrangements have been made with one farmer to accept cesspool contents at a cost of 2/- per load.

The larger capacity vehicle introduced this year has been a success and a further vehicle of similar capacity is on order.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report on Rodent Control for the year ending 31st December, 1965

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural			(5) Agricultural	
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	18	11,225	567	11,810	271
II. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	4	197	11	212	11
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common rat	— 4	— 190	— 8	— 202	— 11
Ship rat	—	—	—	—	—
House mouse	— 4	— 17	— 8	— 29	— 3
III. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act ...	18	334	28	380	49
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common rat	— 17	— 130	— 8	— 145	— 22
Ship rat	—	—	—	—	—
House mouse	—	— 10	— 6	— 16	—
IV. Total number of properties inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	5	3	8	—

continued

TYPE OF PROPERTY

	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common rat	—	—	—	—	—
Major	—	5	2	7	—
Minor	—	—	—	—	—
Ship rat	—	—	—	—	—
Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	—	—	—	—
House mouse	—	—	—	—	—
V. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections	248	1,868	45	2,161	50
VI. Number of infested properties (in Sections II, III and IV) treated by the L.A. ...	17	332	12	361	11
VII. Total treatments carried out—including re-treatments	72	367	12	451	11
VIII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing) ...	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
X. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
XI. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	42	—	—	—

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